

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) Proposal for release of Central assistance under Employment Assurance Scheme has not been received for the current year from district Begusarai in Bihar. Central assistance is released only upon receipt of proposal from the district concerned indicating block-wise progress of expenditure and utilisation certificate in respect of the previous release.

The utilisation and releases are monitored periodically and State Governments reminded to submit the utilisation certificates and proposals for release of funds.

Misues of Funds Allocated for Poverty Alleviation

287. SHRI JAI PRAKASH HARDOI :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that funds meant for poverty alleviation programme are being misused;

(b) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken to check the same;

(c) whether the Government propose to revamp antipoverty programmes during Ninth Plan;

(d) if so, the broad feature of the proposal;

(e) whether the Committee instituted to review and rationalise the schemes for poverty alleviation and employment generation has since submitted its report;

(f) if so, the main features of the report; and

(g) the main recommendations thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The schemes are being mentioned regularly by the Centre and State Govts. through monthly, quarterly & annual progress received from the implementing agencies and the spot visits of Senior Officers of the Ministries under Area Officers Schemes. A system of checks & balances is built in various schemes so that the funds meant for the scheme are properly utilised.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(e) to (g) Yes, Sir. The main features of the report regarding Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) are :

- (i) The quantum of subsidy by standardised for all individual beneficiaries at Rs. 7500/-
- (ii) The projects cost for individual beneficiaries sponsored under IRDP should range within the investment of Rs. 25,000/- to 50,000/-
- (iii) Effect should be made to move away from individual beneficiary approach to a group approach.
- (iv) It has also been recommended that Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) and Toolkits Programme should be merged with IRDP which are hitherto separate sub-schemes.

Ministry is seriously considering to take action on such issues.

[Translation]

Power Generation Capacity of Hydel Power Projects

288. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the total power generation capacity of hydel power projects in Maharashtra in megawatts;

(b) the State-wise names of hydel power projects sanctioned by Union Government so far;

(c) the number of Indian and Foreign firms which have invested in these projects;

(d) the names of projects for which applications from State Governments have been received; and

(e) the State-wise number of projects accorded approval during 1995-96 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The total power generating capacity of hydel power projects in Maharashtra is tentatively 1785.22 MW as on 31.3.1997.

(b) The state-wise hydel power projects sanctioned by the Union Government so far is at the attached Statement-I.